Issue of Brief Cases

3846. SHRI RAMSAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry and the departments under it are issuing brief-cases to its employees for thier use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the source from which these briefcases are purchased and at what rates;

(d) the number of briefcases purchased in the last three years, department-wise and the total sum involved therein;

(e) the reasons for the purchase of a particular brand of briefcase in large numbers than other brands which are equally good but cheaper in prices; and

(f) the steps taken to immediately discard the purchase of particular brand of briefcases, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Brief cases are being issued to all officers of an above the level of Section Officers working in the Ministry of Defence (Sectt.) comprising Department of Defence, Department of Defence Production & Supplies, Department of Defence Research & Development and Finance Division.

(c) Brief-cases costing Rs. 480/- to Rs. 750/- are purchased for junior and middle level officers from Kendriya Bhandar and Super Bazar. Some leather briefcases costing Rs. 2,500/- to Rs. 3,000/- are also purchased from M/s Bharat Leather Emporium for every senior officers.

(d) Statement is attached.

(e) Out of 370 brief-cases purchased during the last three years, 215 were of VIP make (model Alpha and Nova), 85 of Aristocrat make (model Chairman and Super), 33 Tobu, 3 Novex, 22 Oddessy and 12 leather brief-cases. Normally, the emphasis for selection is on quality, durability, economy and of course, the user satisfaction within the approved price range

(f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Department	Year	Brief cases purchased	Expenditure incurred
Department of Defence	1993-94	47	Rs. 24,656.00
	1994-95	33	Rs. 18,905.00
	1995-96	58	Rs. 42,985.00
Deptt. of Def. Prod. & Supplies	1993-94	32	Rs. 16,787.00
	1994-95	37	Rs.21,134.00
	1995-96	40	Rs.29,644.00
Deptt. of Def. Research & Development	1993-94	2	Rs. 661.00
	1994-95	1	Rs. 419.00
	1995-96	1	Rs. 500.00
Finance Division	1993-94	35	Rs. 17,047.00
	1994-95	37	Rs. 21,911.00
	1995-96	47	Rs. 40,914.00
Total		370	Rs. 2,35,563.00

[Translation]

Vacant Posts in Delhi University

3847. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Assistant Chancellor, Assistant Controller of Examination and Administrative Officers lying vacant in Delhi University;

(b) the number of posts out of them reserved for SC/ST/OBC separately;

(c) whether interviews were held in August, 1996 for these posts; and

(d) if so, the list of selected candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Overbridges on Ports

3848. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: